

# Uniform Purchasing Details & Professional Appearance Guide

**Students are REQUIRED to be in UNIFORM for LAB beginning the week of August 18, 2025  
(In addition, please come prepared with your stethoscope, BP cuff, penlight and watch)**

**Note:** Deviations from any aspect of the above uniform policy due to medical, religious, or cultural reasons may be allowed with prior approval from the appropriate associate director. Students may be required to dress in business/professional attire at times.

REQUIRED PROFESSIONAL APPEARANCE:	DETAILS:
Hair should be kept off the collar and away from the face for both male and female students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hair should be kept off the collar and away from the face and must be secured in a manner that doesn't interfere with patient safety or care.</li> <li>• Head coverings may only be worn for medical, religious, or cultural reasons.</li> <li>• Facial hair must be clean, neat, and well-groomed. If facial hair is long, it must be secured in a manner that doesn't interfere with patient safety or care.</li> </ul>
Fingernails must not extend beyond the fingertip.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For patient safety and infection control artificial nails are prohibited for students who touch patients.</li> <li>• Nails must be trimmed so as not to extend more than 1/4 inch past the fingertip, and polish must be in good repair.</li> <li>• No artificial or synthetic nails including but not limited to gels, acrylic or shellac.</li> </ul>
Jewelry/Piercings/Tattoo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ear piercings are allowed. For safety concerns dangling earrings not permitted in patient-facing roles.</li> <li>• Ear gauges must have flesh or clear plug.</li> <li>• Small stud nose piercings are permitted. Visible septum piercings and nose piercings presenting safety hazards are not allowed.</li> <li>• Face, tongue, and other visible piercings are not permitted.</li> <li>• Visible tattoos are permitted but must not be disrespectful, derogatory, profane, or obscene. If tattoos violate policy or deviate from above statement, they must be covered.</li> </ul>
REQUIRED UNIFORM COMPONENTS:	SUPPLIER:
<p>Xavier Gray embroidered warm-up jacket.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women's</li> <li>• Men's</li> </ul> <p>Xavier Gray embroidered scrub top.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women's</li> <li>• Men's</li> </ul> <p>➤ Worn over a short sleeve white crew neck T-shirt. Due to infection control, no long-sleeved T-shirts are permitted.</p> <p>Navy scrub pants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women's Pants</li> <li>• Men's Pants</li> </ul> <p>• Pants must be hemmed and not touching the ground.</p>	<p><b>All Items MUST be purchased from the XU Gallagher bookstore</b></p> <p><a href="https://xavier.bncollege.com/">https://xavier.bncollege.com/</a> Search: Scrubs</p> <p>XU Gallagher Bookstore: Prices and selection subject to change based on vendor availability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jacket and scrub top must have embroidery "Xavier University/College of Nursing". This embroidery is automatic once you place your order.</li> </ul>
<p>Xavier student nurse name badge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be worn on the collar and visible at all times during lab/simulation and hospital experiences.</li> </ul>	<p>Xavier University College of Nursing orders the badges (paid by student thru nursing course fee). The student is responsible for paying the cost to replace a lost or damaged badge. <b>Badges are distributed in class.</b></p>

<p>White or black non-permeable professional (waterproof) or athletic shoes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Closed toe and closed heel.</li> <li>○ Matching crew or higher socks are required.</li> <li>○ Mesh shoes and Crocs are unacceptable.</li> </ul>	<p>Purchase on your own</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Shoes with mesh or holes such as Crocs are examples of unacceptable shoes since substances can penetrate them. Shoes should be clean and have clean shoelaces.</li> </ul>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dual-head stethoscope (dual includes a diaphragm and bell)</li> <li>2. BP cuff – standard size (Manual BP cuff. NO machines, automatic, batteries, etc.)</li> <li>3. Penlight</li> </ol>	<p>Purchase on your own, as directed.</p> <p>Suggestions:</p> <p>Purchase a stethoscope with comfortable ear pieces.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SNO is partnered with MDF instruments - a percentage will be donated to SNO:</li> <li>• <a href="https://mdfinstruments.com/collections/xavier-nursing-students">https://mdfinstruments.com/collections/xavier-nursing-students</a></li> </ul> <p>Purchase a bag to keep all nursing gear in for easy access and transport.</p>
<p>Watch that has the ability to monitor seconds.</p>	<p>Purchase on your own. Apple watches are acceptable at most facilities, proper etiquette and infection control is required.</p>